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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a clathrate compound ... in crystalline form" instead of "a derivative crystal" as kindly suggested in the Action. This amendment overcomes the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 1.

Claim 2 has been amended for consistency with the amendment to claim 1.

Claim 3 has been cancelled to overcome the objection to claim 3 as being improperly dependent on claim 2.

The specification is objected to. The reason given in the Action for this objection is that the specification does not contain a specific reference to prior applications in the first sentence of the specification. It appears that the Office may have overlooked the first sentence of the specification on page 1, lines 5-7, which reads: "This application is a division of application Serial Number 10/089,194, filed March 27, 2002, which is a 371 of PCT/JP00/06693, filed September 28, 2000."

Removal of the rejection and the objections made in the Action is in order and is respectfully solicited.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor

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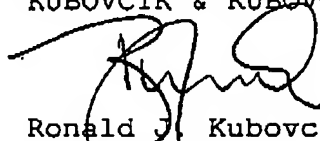
issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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